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SUBJECT: PROPOSED QUADRIPARTITE ENRICHMENT
CLASSIFICATION MEETING

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1. FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (HANNAY) SAID HMG EXPECTS SHORTLY TO AGREE TO MEETING ON GAS CENTRIFUGE ENRICHMENT, WHICH THEY UNDERSTAND UNITED STATES WOULD ORGANIZE. SPECIFIC DATES PROPOSED BY U.S. MAY PRESENT MINOR PROBLEM.

2. WITH RESPECT TO PARA 2E ON A TRIPARTITE US-UK-FRG MEETING ON OTHER METHODS OF ENRICHMENT (NOVEL METHODS OF ISOTOPE SEPARATION), HANNAY ASKED HOW THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES TO HANDLE THE FRENCH. HE NOTED FRANCE IS PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN ENRICHMENT RESEARCH AND CLAIMS TO HAVE ALREADY DEVELOPED INTERESTING NEW TECHNOLOGY. HANNAY INTIMATED THAT HE WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE SUCH A MEETING WITHOUT THE FRENCH PRESENT. WE SAID WE ASSUMED THE PROPOSED MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT WAS MERELY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT THAT THESE THREE COUNTRIES, ALONG WITH THE NETHERLANDS, WOULD BE MEETING ANYWAY TO DISCUSS GAS CENTRIFUGE URANIUM ENRICHMENT. HOWEVER, WE PROMISED
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TO SEEK WASHINGTON'S VIEWS ON HOW THE U.S. PLANS TO HANDLE THE FRENCH. PLEASE ADVISE.

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